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Applicant: Judith MELKI et al. Conf.: 3158

Appl. No.: 09/109,082 Group: 1647

Filed: July 2, 1998 Examiner: R. Hayes

For: SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC
METHODS

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February 13, 2002

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Respectfully submitted,

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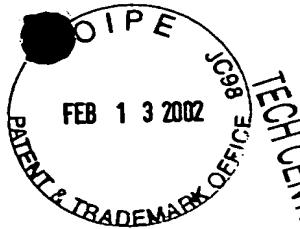
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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 13, 2001, the due date having been extended two (2) months to February 13, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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